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Senator Burbach put on, I think it was second, says that the Board of Equalization will meet 15 days after we adjourn. They will set the income and the sales tax. Senator Cal Carsten came and put an amendment on the bill that says that the corporate . . . or the conglomerate corporations, the large corporations of Nebraska will pay about \$5 million less tax than the state law now reads. Now I realize that television has a \$6 million man and he's indestructible. The Legislature has Cal Carsten and that \$5 million that I've tried to take and leave on the bill, leave on the law, Senator Cal Carsten has been indestructible. I have not been able to take that off of the backs of what I call the farmers and the working people of this state and leave it where it should be, on those large corporations and conglomerates that operate in the state at a fair tax advantage over the private individual. Now we have not overridden any of Governor Exon's vetoes. I have passed out to you just a little slip of paper. It says there are the code departments of the State of Nebraska, and which the Governor appoints the executive of these departments. In 1972 and '73 session the actual expenditures of those departments was \$232,090,826.00. For those identical departments, this year the Legislature recommended \$293,020,829.00. The Governor's legal staff, they recommended for those same code departments of his, \$304,119,317.00. In other words, the Legislature recommended that we spend \$60 million more money than we did three years ago. The Governor recommended that we spend \$72 million more money than we did three years ago. Now if we kill LB 589 this will put the Legislature of this state to the point where we say that the State of Nebraska can operate on 2 1/2 percent sales tax, a 10 percent income tax and LB 123 with is a 30 percent of the private income tax for the corporations. Now we didn't override the Governor's veto on anything that amounts to money. I will say this, if you want to give the people of this state just government and this means that this is a 10 percent increase in sales tax this year, we're getting 10 percent more money today than we got a year ago today. If you want to operate the State of Nebraska on about 20 percent more money than we took in three years ago to operate the state, you can do it. The Governor, all he has to do is come down here and cut his code departments just down like he cut our department down. We can operate this state that way. This was not anything in this budget and these cuts that are cutting off from the property tax of the State of Nebraska. Thanks for turning it down. So all I'm asking is you bring 589 back, kill it, and let's let the Governor of this state . . . if we find out that we can't operate on 2 1/2, 10 and LB 123, than the Governor can call us into session. I think he's going to have to call us into session anyhow. When he runs out of money and if he don't want to cut his code departments back, then we'll have to call us into session and say that this is why we're going to have to increase taxes. That's all I have to say on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.